

REVISED MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

SB 292 was introduced in the California State Legislature by Senator Alex Padilla, and subsequently received amendments in the State Assembly on September 7, 2011 to establish expedited judicial review, and other procedures, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a proposed downtown Los Angeles football stadium and convention center project.

Rather than limiting exemptions to multi-million dollar environmental and regulatory reviews on a case-by-case basis by the Governor, a better approach would be to eliminate the overly-burdensome rules and regulations currently creating a chokehold on critical capital projects. Ignoring the economic merit of public and non-profit facilities in terms of their ability to create jobs and spur local markets is irresponsible. Public and non-profit entities provide essential services that benefit the public at large and should not be exposed to harsher regulations than a sports venue. The State Legislature should allow the same conditions on other development projects of importance-- particularly those projects that provide vital public services, including hospitals, health clinics, fire and police/sheriff stations, communication facilities/systems, libraries, schools, transportation projects, and other vital government capital projects in the County of Los Angeles that serve the public interest as well as commercial, cultural, recreational and clean energy projects.

The environmental review process must be streamlined without threatening the integrity of the CEQA. The current environmental review process unnecessarily delays construction of vital projects that provide needed economic growth, delivery of accessible public services, and creation of thousands of new jobs.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the County Chief Executive Officer, and legislative advocates, to initiate/support legislative efforts that provide the same expedited judicial review process provided in SB 292 (Padilla) for development of projects that provide vital public services, including hospitals, health clinics, fire and police/sheriff stations, communication facilities/systems, libraries, schools, transportation projects, and other vital government capital projects in the County of Los Angeles that serve the public interest as well as commercial, sports, cultural, recreational and clean energy projects.

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